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For immediate release:

Working Building Fire, Derry, New Hampshire

On December 5, 2020 at 10:25 p.m. the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received multiple E9-1-1 calls reporting a transformer fire in the area of 715 NH Route 121, Derry NH. Derry Engine 2 was dispatched to investigate. Shortly after at 10:33 p.m. the homeowner of 75 NH Route 121 called to report the attached garage to his house was on fire. Derry Engine 1, Engine 3, Ladder 4, Medic 1, Medic 4, Tanker 1, Utility 3, and Car 1 were dispatched simultaneously and responded from their stations. Due to the ongoing winter storm, an additional medic unit, utility and tanker were staffed.

715 NH Route 121 is a single-family three-story wood frame home with an attached to bay garage geographically located in a rural, non-hydrated portion of town.

Derry Engine 2 arrived on scene 1 minute and 41 seconds after the caller reported a fire in his garage. Engine 2 confirmed there was a fire in the garage and requested a Working Fire Assignment and stretched a hose line to the fire.

Winter road conditions impacted remaining apparatus responses. As other fire apparatus arrived, a search for any life hazards was conducted, additional hose lines were stretched, entry made through the garage door, and water supply was established.

The attached garage received moderate fire damage and the house received limited smoke damage.

There were no civilian injuries or no firefighter injuries.

37 firefighters responded to this fire. Mutual aid to the scene was provided by Hampstead, Windham Londonderry. Station coverage was provided by Hudson, Salem, Manchester, and Pelham. The Derry Police Department rerouted traffic around portions of NH Route 121. Eversource aided with securing power to the residence. A staffing recall was requested to provide additional staffing to the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division and assist with station coverage.

Incident #2020 – 4370 was upgraded to a Structure Fire Response at 10:33 p.m.; initial companies arrived on scene at 10:35 p.m. The fire was under control at 11:10 p.m. At the time of this press release, units remained on scene.

The fire is under investigation by the Derry Fire Prevention Bureau.

The Derry Fire Department would like to remind our community the importance of clearly displaying house number so they are visible from the road and to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home including the basement.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Shawn M. Haggart

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